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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN THE SATELLITES,
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COMMUNIST PERSECUTION INTENSIFIED IN ALBANIA -- Athens, To Vima, 12 Jul 53

Ioannina -- According to reports of Albanian refugees who recently arrived in Greece, the Albanian military authorities are executing all citizens who oppose the strict measures imposed upon Greek-speaking inhabitants living near the Greek-Albanian frontier. The authorities are also executing all elements opposed to the present Albanian regime. Recently Nikolaos Mallios, a southern Albanian inhabitant from Haskove, was executed outside the Moslem cemetery of Gjinokaster. Mallios was the manager of the large state farm of Kalogarantz, located near the Greek frontier.

TURKISH MINORITY PERSECUTED IN BULGARIA -- Istanbul, Cumhuriyet, 1 Sep 53

Belgrade, 31 August (Turkish News Agency) -- According to reports, Turks living in Bulgaria are being subjected to intensified persecution. For example, the treatment of Turks recently sent to labor camps in the Plovdiv, Ruse, and Vidin areas for failure to join the Communist Party is described as brutal. Seven Turks who returned to their villages from the Robotnichesko Delo and Gornilom camps had lost all their teeth and bore cuts on their faces as the result of beatings.

Istanbul, Yeni Sabah, 12 Aug 53

Munich, 11 August (Turkish News Agency) -- According to reports from Bulgaria, the government there is sending hundreds of Turkish youths to forced labor camps for having refused to join the Communist Youth Organization. Many of the youths are concentrated in the Garnilom labor camp near the city of Belogradchik.

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TERRORISTIC MEASURES AGAINST BULGARIAN CITIZENS -- Athens, Stratiotika Nea, 21 Jun 53

According to recent reports from Sofia, Chervenkov has been taking terroristic measures against all suspicious citizens, including clergymen, who do not follow his orders, and party members who attend Sunday church services. Consequently, many clergymen have been arrested because they refused to become party organs and cooperate in making up false accusations against innocent citizens. At the same time, those workers who openly attend church services are watched by secret party cadres and are made to do extra work until they prove that they have renounced their religious beliefs. In a recent speech to press reporters, Chervenkov stated that suspicious reactionary activities take place in Bulgaria and he asked the journalists, who are secret party agents, to assist him in conducting purges of the enemies of the people.

DEPORTATION COMMITTEES SET UP IN HUNGARY -- Athens, Stratiotika Nea, 5 Jul 53

Special deportation committees have been established in the Hungarian provinces to carry on deportation activities against Hungarian peasants and laborers. Each committee is composed of the local party secretary, the manager of the producers cooperatives, and two members of the local council. Recently, Budapest has also been the site of many deportations. It has been reported that in Budapest curfew begins at 2300 hours each night, and all windows must be covered so that deportation activities cannot be observed.

BISHOP ARRESTED IN HUNGARY -- Athens, Stratiotika Nea, 19 Jul 53

According to information received from the Holy See, Joseph Petery, the Hungarian Bishop of Vac, was arrested by the Communists last January; it is not known where he is detained. The bishop was arrested because he refused to collaborate in a "peaceful" measure taken by the Red Hungarian priests.

POLISH CONSCRIPTS ASSIGNED TO LABOR CAMPS -- Istanbul, Yeni Sabah, 12 Aug 53

Belgrade, 11 August (Turkish News Agency) -- According to reports from Poland, sons of rich and middle-class Polish families are being conscripted but, because they are considered unreliable, are being assigned to forced labor camps. It is also reported that a large part of the officer corps of the Polish army is not Polish but consists of Polish-speaking Russians.

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